



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Friday - November 7, 2003

- ***In the West***, locally heavy rain and snow showers are overspreading ***northern and central California***. Cool, dry weather prevails elsewhere, favoring fieldwork but slowing ***Northwestern*** winter wheat development.
- ***On the Plains***, bitterly cold conditions are gradually easing across ***northern portions of the region***, where a shallow to moderately deep snow cover continues to provide the poorly established winter wheat crop with insulation and much-needed moisture. Meanwhile, dry conditions across the majority of the ***central and southern Plains*** are promoting summer crop harvesting but hindering winter wheat establishment. Scattered showers are developing, however, in parts of ***central and western Texas***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, mixed effects of recent heavy precipitation include corn harvest delays and beneficial soil moisture recharge. Cold weather is slowing winter wheat growth across the ***southern and eastern Corn Belt***, while a return to dry weather favors a limited resumption of ***Midwestern*** fieldwork.
- ***In the South***, cooler, drier weather is settling into the ***Atlantic Coast region***, while rain is developing in parts of ***Texas***. Elsewhere in the region, warm, dry weather continues to aid final autumn fieldwork activities, including winter wheat planting and cotton and soybean harvesting.

Outlook: A large area of high pressure will bring drier weather to the ***Northeast and Mid-Atlantic***, while light rain is possible across the ***Southeast***. Unseasonable warmth in the ***East*** will come to an abrupt end with much cooler temperatures expected during the weekend. Meanwhile, light rain is possible in the ***central and southern Plains***. Elsewhere, rain and snow showers will spread from the ***Pacific Northwest*** and ***northern California*** east into the ***Great Basin***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for November 12-16 features above-normal precipitation ***in the southeastern quarter of the Nation***, while drier-than-normal conditions are expected ***in northern California, the Great Basin, and northern halves of the Rockies and Plains***. Above-normal temperatures are forecast ***from the Rockies eastward***, while cooler-than-normal weather should be limited ***to the Great Basin***.

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